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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORTING KISSINGER AFRICA TRIP

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTING ON SECCETARY'S VISIT FOCUSED ON BLACK ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS. SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF VISIT RANGED FROM OPTIMISM TO DOUBT.

2. CAPE TOWN ENGLISH PAPER " CAPE TIMES" FRONT APGE HEADLINE "CRUCIAL TALKS WITH VORSTER: RIOTS ON REEF AS KISSINGER ARRIVES."

3. JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH PAPER AIMED AT BLACK READERS " THE WORLD" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE " BLOODY FRIDAY IN SOWETO." REPORT SAID QUOTE AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND MORE THAN 30 INJURED YESTERDAY WHEN POLICE OPENED FIRE ON SCHOOLKIDS
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DEMONSTRATING AGAINST THE VISIT OF DR. HENRY KISSINGER.

THE INCIDENTS ORRURED WHEN STUDENTS WITH PLACARDS MASSED IN SCHOOL GROUNDS AND SANG FREEDOM SONGS. THE PLACARDS CONDEMNED THE VISIT TO RSA BY THE USA SECRETARY OF STATE AND LABELLED HIM A MURDERER. UNQUOTE. FRONT PAGE CARRIED PHOTO OF PLACARD INSCRIBED " KISSINGER: YOUR EXISTENCE IN AZANIA IS BULLSHIT. EVEN ANIMALS ARE ANGRY."

4. JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER "BEELD" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "UPROAR OVER KISSINGER: ARSON AND VIOLENCE IN DOWNTOWN JOHANNESBURG." REPORT DESCRIBED RENEWED UNREST IN AND AROUND JOHANNESBURG WHICH COINCIDED WITH SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL.

5. JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER " DIE TRANSVALER" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE " ON THE VERGE OF BREAKTHROUGH." PAPER EDITORIALIZED QUOTE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THE RECENT UNREST HAS DIVERTED ATTENTION FROM THE PROGRESS RSA HAS MADE IN ADVANCING HER PEOPLES TOWARDS GREATER SELF-DETERMINATION IN RESPECT OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. THE VARIOUS POPULATION GROUPS HAVE ENJOYED SUBSTANTIAL EVOLUTIONARY ADVANCE DURING THE DECADE OF MR. VORSTER'S LEADERSHIP. THERE CAN BE ARGUMENT ABOUT THE TEMPO, BUT NOT ABOUT THE FACT OF PROGRESS. DR. KISSINGER CANNOT ESCAPE THE FACT THAT RSA HAS STRIVED HARD TO DEVELOP A POLITICAL STRUCTURE THAT OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL HER PEOPLES. UNQUOTE.

6. JOHANNESBURG CONSERVATIVE ENGLISH PAPER " THE CITIZEN" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE " 15 KILLED AS DR. K JETS IN." REPORT SIAD QUOTE AT LEAST 15 PEOPLE HAVE DIED - SOME OF THEM IN ANTI-KISSINGER DEMOS - AND ABOUT 100 HAVE BEEN INJURED IN BLACK RIOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY DURING THE LAST 36 HOURS. THIS WAS THE BLEAK AND TRAGIC NEWS WHICH GREETED THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN HE FLEW INTO PRETORIA FOR HIS CRUCIAL TALKS WITH PREMIER VORSTER YESTERDAY. UNQUOTE. PAPER EDITORIALIZED QUOTE HARD IN-FIGHTING IS BOUND TO BE THE KEYNOTE OF MOR. VORSTER'S THIRD ROUND OF TALKS WITH DR KISSINGER... WHICH COULD WELL PROVE VITAL TO THE PEACEFUL FUTURE OF OUR PART OF AFRICA. MR. VORSTER, HOWEVER, CAN AFFORD TO BE FIRM AS WELL AS FLEXIBLE... RSA IS NOT PREPARED TO COUNTENANCE RHODESIA AND SWA BEING HANDED OVER TO MARXIST-ORIENTED GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE SEEN TOO OFTEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAOS AND BLOODY UPHEAVAL FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF SUCH A MOVE, AND IT WOULD BE NAIVE INDEED OF DR KISSINGER TO IMAGINE RHODESIA AND SWA WOULD, MIRACULOUSLY, BE EXEMPT. MR. VORSTER WILL HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO INSIST THAT SWA'S CONTROLLED PROGRESS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE MUST BE ACHIEVED AT OUR PACE, NOT ONE DICTATED FROM OUTSIDE. AND HE WILL ALSO HAVE TO INSIST THAT ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED IN PRETORIA BE RATIFIED BY A TREATY WITH THE USA.

PRIVATE PROMISES OF GUARANTEES ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND A WASTE OF TIME, EVEN IF THEY ARE MADE BY DR KISSINGER, WHO MIGHT BE VERY NEAR THE END OF HIS ROAD AS PRIME U.S. NEGOTIATOR AND WHOSE UNDERTAKINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL ANYWAY. SO THE U.S. COMMITMENT MUST BE AT LEAST AS GOOD AS THOSE MADE BY MR VORSTER, WHO LOOKS TO BE IN POWER FOR A LONG TIME TO COME AND WHOSE DECISIONS ARE BOUND TO BE ACCEPTED BY HIS CAUCUS. IT IS, OF COURSE, DIFFICULT FOR THE USA TO BE SEEN AS A BACKER OF WHITE REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND HER INTERNAL PROBLEMS NATURALLY MAKE HER SHY OF ASSUMING SUCH A ROLE. BUT A LITTLE LESS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD DEMANDS AND A LITTLE MORE COGNIZANCE OF PRACTICALITIES WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS SETTING THE VORSTER/KISSINGER TALKS SOLIDLY ON THE GROUND. UNQUOTE.

7. JOHANNESBURG LIBERAL ENGLISH PAPER " RAND DAILY MAIL " FRONT PAGE HEADLINE " DR K BRINGS RHODESIA HOPE." REPORT SAW QUOTE RISING PROSPECTS OF A BREAKTHROUGH TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IN THE KEY AFRICAN TROUBLE SPOT OF RHODESIA. UNQUOTE. PAPER EDITORIALIZED QUOTE THERE WILL BE FATEFUL MEETINGS IN PRETORIA THIS WEEKEND, WITH DR KISSINGER AND MR VORSTER TRYING TO CAST THE DIE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE CRUCIAL QUESTION IS: CAN THEY STILL SUCCEED? GAUGED ONLY BY PUBLIC UTTERANCES, PROSPECTS ARE DUBIOUS. UNQUOTE. PAPER NOTES PESSIMISM OF NYERERE AND KAUNDA AND ADDED QUOTE SUCH PESSIMISM WOULD BE EASIER TO DISCOUNT IF THE WORDS CLOSER TO HOME WERE MORE ENCOURAGING. BUT THEY HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY BLEAK. MR. SMITH HAS SHOWN NO SIGN OF COMPROMISE. IN RSA ITSELF MR. VORSTER TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO PUT PRESSURE ON MR. SMITH. HE REFUSED TO HOLD OUT HOPE OF A NEW POLITICAL DEAL FOR URBAN AFRICANS. NOR WAS HE INTERESTED IN CALLING A MULTIRACIAL CONVENTION TO TEST OPINION. WHICH LEAVES SWA AS THE ONLY POSITIVE ASPECT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE VORSTER/KISSINGER TALKS. UNQUOTE.

8. DURBAN ENGLISH PAPER " NATAL MERCURY" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "TALKS HOPES SOARS. SMITH WAITS IN WINGS." REPORT SAID QUOTE CHANCES OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OVER RHODESIA ARE LOOKING BETTER THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF THE VICTORIA FALLS STALKS. A LOT OF HARD BARGAINING AND HORSE TRADING REMAINS TO BE DONE. DR. KISSINGER WOULD NOT HAVE MADE THE TRIP TO PRETORIA IF HE HAD BEEN AS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT A SETTLEMENT AS TANZANIA'S NYERERE. UNQUOTE.

9. RHODESIAN PAPER " RHODESIA HERALD" NOTED SMITH PRESENCE IN PRETORIA AND EDITORIALIZED QUOTE IT MAY BE FORTUITOUS THAT THE THREE LEADERS ALL HAPPEN TO BE IN THE SAME PLACE ON THE DAY OF A RUGBY TEST BUT IT WOULD BE THE HEIGHT OF

FOLLY IF THEY WERE NOT TO GET TOGETHER ON MATTERS OF
FAR GREATER MOMENT. MR. SMITH YESTERDAY PLEDGED HIMSELF
TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT THAN EVER TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.
HE IS FORTIFIED BY THE SOLID BACKING OF A PARTY CONGRESS.
EVERYWHERE THERE IS AN APPRECIATION OF THE NEED FOR URGENCY.
THIS WEEKEND COULD SEE A MAKE OR BREAK MISSION FOR ALL
INVOLVED. UNQUOTE.
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